Recognition and aid to Schools where there are similar Government institutions.

439. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Were any, and if so, which are the educational institutions that had been aided or recognised during the last 3 years in places where there were similar Government institutions?

(b) Which are these places?

(c) What was the strength of each of those Sirkar institutions when similar institutions were thus recognised or aided in the same locality?

(d) What is the present strength of each of these Sirkar and aided institutions and what amounts had been given as grants to these aided schools till the end of 1100 M. E., and what is the nature of the grants given?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a), (b), (c), (d) A statement is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The contribution from the Excise Revenue of the State to Cranganur funds.

440. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the contribution from the Excise Revenue of the State to the Cranganur funds;

When was the amount fixed;

Whether any increase is discernible in the Central Excise Revenue of the State annually;

If so, whether the contribution to the Cranganur funds should not also be increased?

Mr. V. B. Vaidyanatha Ayyar.—Contribution is paid only in respect of salt revenue, and it amounts to Rs. 9,400 per annum. As regards the other items, which go to make up the Excise Revenue, Cranganur is financially autonomous.

In 1097.

Yes, but the revenue on account of salt is rather fluctuating and unsteady.

The contribution is fixed every ten years based on the population according to the Census of each decade, and the general incidence of consumption for the whole State. The arrangement is equitable and practicable, and ensures to Cranganur her due share of the revenue.

The removal of liquor shops from Kunnamkulam Town.

441. Mr. K. T. Mathew.— Will the Government be pleased to mention whether the Government is aware of a public

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